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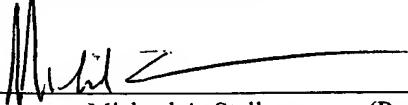
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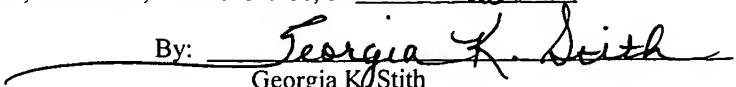
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In response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2005, applicant responds as follows:

REMARKS

The subject invention relates to an improved approach for pumping a fiber amplifier. The fiber amplifier has a design similar to that in the prior art wherein a doped core is surrounded by at least one cladding. Pump light is injected into the cladding. The pump light propagates along the cladding and a portion thereof is absorbed into the doped core. The pump light acts to excite the doped core to emit light of a different wavelength. In one example from the specification, laser diode light at 915nm is used to pump a YB-doped fiber core to generate light at 976nm (see page 14, line 27+)

In the prior art designs, some of the pump light traveling down the cladding of the fiber will not be absorbed in the core. This represents wasted pump light. This problem is addressed in the subject invention by providing a "recovery fiber." As seen for example in Figure 6a, a